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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL JULY 8, HE TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR HE HAD MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAW, LEGAL ADVISER LEIGH AND MR. JOHN LELAND OF CONVINGTON AND BURLING AND HAD DISCUSSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LAW OF THE SEA. HE SAID IT WAS INDICATED TO HIM DURING THE TALKS THAT US WAS CONSIDERING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES IN EVENT LOS CONFERENCE FAILED TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

2. SOLICITOR GENERAL SAID THAT HE REGARDED SUCH A PROSPECT FAVORABLY SINCE, AS HE HAD SAID SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, IT WOULD BE EASIER TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH US ON BILATERAL RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL BASIS. POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS USEFUL CONTINGENCY STEP TO CONSIDER BUT THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE HAD NOT YET PLAYED OUT AND REPORTS OF THE CONFERENCE SUGGESTED THAT THERE CONTINUED TO BE A DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING OF INTERESTS WHICH HOPEFULLY COULD LEAD TO MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED WHETHER US IS  
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ACTIVELY CONSIDERING BILATERAL APPROACH IN GENERAL AND

SPECIFICALLY WITH PHILIPPINES. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE  
KNOWING WHAT PARTICULAR CONDITIONS DEPARTMENT WOULD CON-  
SIDER INCLUDING IN SUCH BILATERAL AGREEMENT. PURNELL

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